

### In the Specification

[0008] In a particularly preferred embodiment of the invention, the width of at least a part of the strips extending in transverse direction in relation to the main direction is dimensioned such that the strips each reach up to the row of holes adjacent to said strips. That means that the film strips applied to the base (the base film) abut on the rows of holes in tangential direction and can even touch the edges of the holes. Stated another way, respective pairs of adjacent strips are disposed on both sides of a row of holes and the width of the separation between at least a part of the respective adjacent pairs of strips extending in transverse direction in relation to the main direction, is dimensioned such that the strips each reach up to the row of holes adjacent to the strips to define between the pair of the respective adjacent strips a fixed width for the holes extending in the transverse direction, wherein the holes maintain the fixed width when the stretch film is stretched in the main direction. As a result, those parts of the base where it is most probable that the stress concentration effect caused by the holes leads to the development of tears, are strengthened by the additionally applied film strips.

[0024] As can be seen from Figs. 2 and 3, two layers of strips 4 are attached to the base 1 one above the other. It is, however, also possible to apply to the base 1 only one strip 4, but also even more strips one above the other. The top and bottom of the reinforcing strips, which are defined by the length and width of the strips, are the major planar faces. The reinforcement strips are only attached to the base and to each other at the major planar faces. As has been found out, an optimum stretchability of the stretch film can be achieved with two layers of strips 4. While it is not possible to improve the

stretchability by further increasing the number of layers, the strength can be increased to a considerable degree.

[0031] FIG. 4 is a top view of the stretch film according to FIG. 1 after the stretch film has been stretched by 250 percent. To make this clearer, the strips 4 are blackened. It can be well recognized that the holes 2 have been stretched wherein their edges that are adjacent to the strips 4 are supported by the strips 4, i.e. the holes have maintained their fixed width in the transverse direction, such that the formation of tears can be reliably prevented.